

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

RANDAL HOWARD LEE,

Plaintiff,

V.

NANCY A BERRYHILL, Acting
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 3:17-CV-05337-DWC

**ORDER ON UNOPPOSED MOTION
FOR EQUAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE
ACT FEES**

This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), Fed. R. Civ. P. 73 and Local Magistrate Judge Rule MJR 13. *See also* Consent to Proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge, Dkt. 6. This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's "Motion for EAJA Fees – 28 U.S.C. § 2412." Dkt. 18.

Based on the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, (“EAJA”), Plaintiff’s motion (Dkt. 16), and the relevant record, the Court orders EAJA attorney’s fees of \$6,643.73 and expenses in the amount of \$13.60 (“EAJA Award”) be awarded to Plaintiff. *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586, 591–97 (2010).

1 The Acting Commissioner shall contact the Department of Treasury after this Order is
2 entered to determine if the EAJA Award is subject to any offset. If the U.S. Department of the
3 Treasury verifies to the Office of General Counsel that Plaintiff does not owe a debt, the
4 government will honor Plaintiff's assignment of EAJA Award and pay the EAJA Award directly
5 to Charles W. Talbot, Esq., Plaintiff's counsel. If there is an offset, any remainder shall be made
6 payable to Plaintiff, based on the Department of the Treasury's Offset Program and standard
7 practices, and the check shall be mailed to Plaintiff's counsel, Charles W. Talbot, Esq., at Talbot
8 and Associates, P.S., 5005 Center Street, Suite E, Tacoma, Washington 98409.

9 Dated this 14th day of February, 2018.

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11 David W. Christel
12 United States Magistrate Judge

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